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TO: Mike Madigan and Sunne McPeak

FROM: Mary Selkirk

SUBJECT: November BDAC Meeting

As you both know, I have now officially changed roles from BDAC member to CALFED BDAC coordinator. I have scheduled a conference call with you both for Wednesday, October 15th at 9 a.m. to discuss the upcoming BDAC meeting agenda. Hopefully Lester will be able to join us.

The primary issue I would like to talk over with you both on the 15th is the proposed change in the agenda format. Taking into account Sunne's concerns from the last meeting about ensuring that BDAC members have an adequate opportunity to identify and express their agreements with the program to date, and to clarify their chief concerns, we are suggesting two things. First, following a review by Lester of the common program assumptions, we are proposing a more formal facilitated session in which BDAC members will be asked to spell out their areas of agreement and disagreement. The purpose of this discussion would be to identify any areas of principal concern, so that these concerns are stated and summarized publicly before BDAC members deliberate on the policy tradeoffs of each alternative. This session could be facilitated by either of you or by a facilitator. There are advantages either way. Let's discuss this when we talk next week.

In my conversations over the last few weeks with about a third of all BDAC members, there was a real desire expressed to feel that they understood each other's concerns and that they were making progress toward a decision. I think we can address that desire, by asking members to state explicitly what it would take for *each* of them to support a preferred alternative. I think this may be a way to offer BDAC members a range of ways to say yes. I'd like your thoughts on this.

Second, we are proposing that BDAC members meet in break-out groups with facilitators to discuss the policy tradeoffs of each alternative which will be presented by CALFED staff. The purpose of this format is to give members a chance to discuss the tradeoffs issue in a more informal environment. The groups would then re-convene to share results and compare notes. This is one way to maximize the possibility of thinking in other categories. These groups would be facilitated-- I am prepared to facilitate one break-out group, along with Eugenia Laychak, CALFED consultant, and a third facilitator yet to be selected.

Also, as you can see from the attached draft agenda, we have devoted a significant amount of time on the morning of the second day to discussion of the ERPP. This will likely be the last time the Council will have this opportunity before the draft alternative is released.

I look forward to talking with you both.

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